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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Twenty-fourth special session

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9th plenary meeting

Credentials of representatives to the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: report of the Credentials Committee (A/S-24/7) [3 (b)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 15 of its report (A/S-24/7) (resolution S-24/1).

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 3 (b).

Proposals for further initiatives for social development [8]: *debate*

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Bedredin Ibraimi, Deputy Prime Minister of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; H.E. Mrs. Ashira Assih-Aissah, Minister for Social Affairs of Togo; H.E. Mrs. Suad El-Fatih, Assistant to the President of the Republic of the Sudan; H.E. Mrs. Sumedha Jayasena, Minister for Social Services of Sri Lanka; H.E. Mr. Edgardo Mosqueira, Minister of the Presidency of the Republic of Peru; H.E. Mr. Eiki Nestor, Minister for Social Affairs of Estonia; H.E. Mr. Soubanh Srithirath, Minister, Office of the President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic; H.E. Mrs. Kadi Sesay, Minister of Development and Economic Planning of Sierra Leone; H.E. Mrs. Nana Aicha Foumakoye, Minister of Social Development, Population, Advancement of Women and Child Protection of the Niger; H.E. Mrs. Jeanne Dambendzet, Minister of Civil Service, Administrative Reform and Advancement of Women of the Congo; H.E. Mr. Girma Biru, Minister for Economic Development and Cooperation of Ethiopia; H.E. The Hon. Norwood Langley, Vice-Minister for Planning and Economic Affairs of Liberia; H.E. Ms. Estelabel Piad Herbruger, Vice-Minister of Youth, Women, Childhood and the Family of Panama; H.E. Mr. Gerbert Betancourt, Vice-Minister of Public Health and Social Welfare of El Salvador; H.E. Mrs. Kunzang Namgyel, Head of the Multilateral Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bhutan; and H.E. Mr. Navin Chandarpal, Special Envoy of the President of Guyana.

10th plenary meeting

Participation of non-governmental organizations in the debate in the plenary of the twenty-fourth special session

Pursuant to General Assembly decision 54/407 of 8 October 1999, and on the proposal of the President of the Assembly, the Assembly decided that representatives of the following nine non-governmental organizations could make statements in the debate in the plenary of the twenty-fourth special session, namely: Third World Network; International Chamber of Commerce/International Organizations of Employers; Service and Research Foundation of Asia on Family and Culture; International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; Azerbaijan Women and Development Center; International Cooperative Alliance; Social Watch; International Council on Social Welfare; and European Women's Lobby.

Proposals for further initiatives for social development [8]: *conclusion of the debate*

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Caetano N'Chamá, Prime Minister of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau; H.E. Mr. Chris Okemo, Minister of Finance of Kenya; H.E. Mr. Noureddine Boukrouh, Minister for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises of Algeria; H.E. Mrs. Uktomkhan Abdoulaeva, First Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of Kyrgyzstan; H.E. Mr. Walid Nasr,

Chairman of the Delegation of Lebanon; Mrs. Patricia Bird, Commissioner of Social Improvement of Antigua and Barbuda; Mr. Prasong Rananand, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare of Thailand; Mrs. Marie-Pierre Lloyd, Special Adviser, Ministry of Social Affairs and Manpower Development of Seychelles; and H.E. Mr. B.G. Chidyausiku, Chairman of the Delegation of Zimbabwe.

The General Assembly also heard statements by Mr. Pascal Couchepin, Federal Counsellor, Head of the Department of Economy of Switzerland; H.E. Bishop Diarmuid Martin, Secretary, Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace of the Holy See; Mr. Ridha Bouabid, Chairman of the Observer Delegation of the International Organization of La Francophonie; Mr. Poul Nielson, Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid of the European Community; Mr. Constantinos Pilavachi, Director-General of Social Cohesion of the Council of Europe; Mrs. Pilar Norza, Senior Regional Advisor of the International Organization of Migration; H.E. Mr. Doutoum Mahamat, Assistant Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity; H.E. Mr. Pierre Yves Simonin, Chairman of the Observer Delegation of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta; Mr. Carlyle Corbin, Representative of the United States Virgin Islands; H.E. Mr. Daw Ali Swedan, Assistant Secretary-General for Social Affairs of the League of Arab States; and Mrs. Misalaima Nelesone, Secretary for Health, Women and Community Affairs of Tuvalu.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier, the General Assembly also heard statements by Mr. Yao Graham, Third World Network; Mr. Ashraf Tabani, International Chamber of Commerce/International Organizations of Employers; Dr. Catherine Bernard, Service and Research Foundation of Asia on Family and Culture; Mr. Fackson Shamenda, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; Ms. Elmira Teymur Süleymanova, Azerbaijan Women and Development Center; Mr. Bruce Thordarson, International Cooperative Alliance; Mr. Hector Bejar, Social Watch; Mr. Qazi Faruque Ahmed, International Council on Social Welfare; and Mrs. Alida Smeehes, European Women's Lobby.

Saturday, 1 July 2000

10th (resumed) plenary meeting

Proposals for further initiatives for social development [8]: *report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Twenty-fourth Special Session (A/S-24/8)*

Adoption of the final document(s) [9]

The Vice-Chairman serving as Rapporteur of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Twenty-fourth Special Session, Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), made a statement in the course of which he introduced the report of the Ad Hoc Committee (A/S-24/8).

The representative of Gabon (on behalf of the African States) made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Twenty-fourth Special Session in its report (A/S-24/8) (resolution S-24/2).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Australia, Iraq, the United States, Costa Rica, Malta, Canada, Bangladesh, France (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Malta, Poland, Romania and Turkey) and Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Statements were made by the observers of the Holy See and Switzerland.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda items 8 and 9.

Closing statement by the President

The President made a statement.

Minute of silent prayer or meditation [2]

The General Assembly observed one minute of silent prayer or meditation.

Closure of the twenty-fourth special session

The President declared closed the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly.

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AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION 4th meeting

Election of a Vice-Chairman

The Ad Hoc Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Kheireddine Ramoul (Algeria) as Vice-Chairman.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

Saturday, 1 July 2000

5th meeting

Proposals for further initiatives for social development [8]

Adoption of the draft report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole (A/S-24/AC.1/L.2 and Add.1-16)

The Rapporteur introduced the report of the Ad Hoc Committee contained in documents A/S-24/AC.1/L.2 and Add.1 to 16.

The Ad Hoc Committee adopted the procedural part of the report contained in document A/S-24/AC.1/L.2.

The Secretary of the Ad hoc Committee read out the revisions to the draft political declaration, which had resulted from informal consultations.

Following a statement by the representative of Bangladesh, the Committee approved the draft political declaration contained in document A/S-24/2/Add.2 (Part I), as orally revised, and recommended its adoption to the plenary of the special session.

The Committee then approved the review and assessment of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development contained in document A/S-24/2/Add.2 (Part II) and recommended its adoption to the plenary of the special session.

The Chairman read out oral amendments to the further actions and initiatives to implement the commitments made at the Summit contained in document A/S-24/2/Add.2 (Part III)

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt, Pakistan, the Sudan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Algeria, Cuba, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Canada, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Qatar, Iraq, France (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Morocco, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Jordan, Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77), Jamaica, Oman, Senegal, Mauritania, Bahrain, Bangladesh, South Africa, Azerbaijan, Viet Nam, Malaysia, China, Tunisia, Ethiopia and Indonesia, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

The Chairman suspended the meeting.

Following the suspension of the meeting, the Chairman read out further oral amendments to the further actions and initiatives to implement the commitments made at the Summit and made an oral correction to the text.

The Ad Hoc Committee then approved the Further actions and initiatives to implement the commitments made at the Summit contained in document A/S-24/2/Add.2 (Part III), as orally amended and corrected, and recommended its adop-tion to the plenary of the special session.

The Ad Hoc Committee adopted its report, contained in document A/S-24/AC.1/L.2 and Add.1 to 16, and entrusted the Rapporteur with submitting its recommendations to the plenary of the twenty-fourth special session for adoption.

Draft resolution A/S-24/AC.1/L.3

After a statement was made by the Secretary, the Ad Hoc Committee approved draft resolution A/S-24/AC.1/L.3 and recommended it to the plenary of the twenty-fourth special session for adoption.

Completion of the work of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union) and Canada (on behalf of the JUSCANZ Group).

The Chairman made a closing statement and declared the work of the Ad Hoc of the Whole completed.

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